

In Memory of
Surgeon Lieutenant
Malcolm Joseph Clow

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H.M.S. Victory., Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve who died on 11 February 1945 Age 30

Son of John Percy and Eva Mary Clow of Hale, Cheshire, England. M.A., M.D., B.Ch.

Remembered with Honour
Sydney War Cemetery



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Surgeon Lieutenant Malcolm Joseph Clow AM

HMS Victory, Royal Navy

Service Number: Not known

Died: 11 February 1945 Age: 30

Country of burial: Australia

Cemetery or Memorial: Sydney War Cemetery, New South Wales

Town Memorial: Hale

Extra Information

Born during the December quarter 1914 in the Aston R.D. - ref: 6d/783, the son of John Percy and Eva Mary Clow. His father was a Manchester Accountant.

Attended Altrincham Grammar School. He was a local Scout Master. He was a Cambridge University half blue for swimming and water polo.

Qualifications included - M.A., M.D., B.Ch. Worked at Manchester Royal Infirmary and Crumpsall Hospital.

He was a member of Sale A.S.C., a Cheshire Junior Swimming Champion and a star Cheshire County Water Polo player.

Listed as M.S. Clow on Hale United Reform Church Memorial.

The 30th April 1943 edition of the local newspaper reports him being awarded the Albert Medal. This was the first Albert Medal ever to be awarded to a member of the RN.

At 10.00 hrs on the 10th November 1942, Italian Heinkels attacked British shipping in the Mediterranean 10 miles north of Algiers in position 36.55N 03.05E. They dropped four torpedoes aimed at the RN Sloop "Ibis", The "Ibis" managed to dodge three of them, but was hit near to the engine room by the fourth. The ship capsized and sank almost immediately.



Lt. Clow was in the sick bay when the torpedo struck, but he stayed there attending to casualties until an engine room artificer was brought in - his arms terribly burned. Lt. Clow gave him morphine and then dragged him to the upper deck. Because the wounded man didn't have a life jacket, Lt. Clow gave him his own and lowered him over the side into the sea and then dived into the water himself without. Lt. Clow swam for four hours before being rescued.

His death was reported in the 23rd February 1945 edition of the Sale & Stretford Guardian.

Memorials also found on:

Hale United Reformed Church, Hale

Altrincham Grammar School, Altrincham